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Fund drive nears $3,000 goal, architect to examine building

The Carbondale community has rallied behind the efforts of a citizens committee to repair the clock in the tower of the city hall building on North Main Street.

Since a fund was started in early November, city businesses, residents and former residents have contributed a total of $2,624.05 to the fund in the ten weeks the fund has existed, an average of over $260 per week. Former residents from as far away as California and Florida and close as neighboring New York, have sent in donations.

The committee hopes to reach their goal of $3,000 needed to pay for the repairs in the next two weeks. When the amount is reached, a $500 down payment check will be sent to the Rogers Clock Service firm inm Harrisburg, who has contracted to make the repairs. Work could be completed on the repairs by the end of the month if the $3,000 amount is reached within the next week.

In a statement released by the committee, residents are asked to note that the repairs to the clock are only the first phase of the restoration effort. The second phase may include for repairs for the tower or roof.

This Saturday, January 23, architect Thomas C. Horlacher will inspect the city hall building with members of the committee at 10 a.m. Mr. Horlacher, of the Palumbo and Horlacher Architects, Ltd. firm of Scranton, has volunteered to give a report on the building and establish a list of restoration priorities for the building.

The committee will hold its next meeting Thursday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers. All members are asked to attend and the public is welcome. A report on the donations and the progress of the report submitted by Mr. Robert Powell to the stateHistoricalSociety will be announced.

The list of city residents and businesses and former residents who have recently donated to the fund includes:

Louise Speicher, Norman Polansky Ph.D., Donald W. Powell, Russell and Madelyn Morocco, Edith A. Gardner, Gertrude Gardner Snyder, Charles and Nancy Bishop, Helen Migdas, Ring Munley and N. Drum.

Also, Zurine Music Center, Stephen and Julia Serafin, the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1095 Carbondale, the Hi-Rise Association, Frances Walker, Sarah Gillott's Beauty Salon, Howard and Lenore Tonkin, Carlton and Neltie Sellick, Julia Krok, Frank and Agnes Howard, Seamus P. Kilkenny, Mr. and Mrs. William Schroeder, Barbara Wrobleski, Mildred Hollenbeck, Charlotte M. Price and Dean and Hildagarde Cornall.

Also, Liberty Discount & Savings Bank, Veronica Domanick, Scotch Motor Co., Inc., James and Helen McWilliams, a contribution in the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Gallagher, Maggie Gillott, M. Gallagher, Miss Florence Boland, George Pascoe, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wise.

Also, Alice K. Kilpatrick, W.F. and Mary C. Swartz, Claude and Esther Pullis, Mary Monahan, Mazza's Linen Service, Mary J. Devine, Mrs. Hazel C. Williamson, Miss Veda C. Roemmelmeyer, Mrs. W. McDonough, Stasia Werwinski and Arthur N. Wilson.

Also, Oswald L. Chambers, Robert and Anne Price, Carbondale Delphic Study Club, Jane Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. James Barry; Mancuso and Mancuso Accounting and Tax Service, Mrs. Margaret Short and Kitty Noone.

Anyone who wishes to make a donation to the restoration fund can do so by sending a check to Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall, c-o 41 North Church Street, Carbondale, PA., 18407 or leave a check with any teller at the Liberty Discount and Savings Bank, 67 Salem Avenue.

Any person who has made a donation but hasn't seen their name on the list of donators is asked to contact David Baum at the Carbondale NEWS office, 41 North Church Street.